

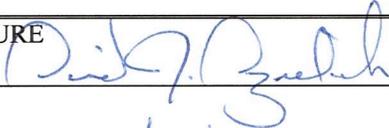


DELBERT HOSEMANN
Secretary of State

ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

An Economic Impact Statement is required for this proposed rule by Section 25-43-3.105 of the Administrative Procedures Act. An Economic Impact Statement must be attached to this Form and address the factors below. A **PDF** document containing this executed Form and the Economic Impact Statement must be filed with any proposed rule, if required by the aforementioned statute.

AGENCY NAME Division of Medicaid	CONTACT PERSON Margaret Wilson	TELEPHONE NUMBER 601-359-5248
ADDRESS 550 High Street, Suite 1000	CITY Jackson	STATE MS
EMAIL Margaret.Wilson@medicaid.ms.gov	DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF PROPOSED RULE Title 23: Medicaid, Part 217: Vision Services, Chapter 1: General, Rule 1.4: Non-Covered Services	
Specific Legal Authority Authorizing the promulgation of Rule: 42 CFR §§ 435.116, 441.30; Miss. Code Ann. §§ 43-13-117, 43-13-121; SPA 13-0019; Healthier Mississippi Waiver.	Reference to Rules repealed, amended or suspended by the Proposed Rule: 1.4.	

SIGNATURE 	TITLE Executive Director
DATE 1/26/16	PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE OF RULE APR 01 2016

1. Describe the need for the proposed action:
To remove language to correspond with SPA 13-0019 required by the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and the 07/24/2015 renewal of the Healthier Mississippi Waiver (HMW).
2. Describe the benefits which will likely accrue as the result of the proposed action:
Pregnant beneficiaries and beneficiaries enrolled in the HMW will receive coverage for eyeglasses, frames, lenses or contact lenses.
3. Describe the effect the proposed action will have on the public health, safety, and welfare:
Pregnant beneficiaries and beneficiaries enrolled in the HMW will receive coverage for eyeglasses, frames, lenses or contact lenses.
4. Estimate the cost to the agency and to any other state or local government entities, of implementing and enforcing the proposed action, including the estimated amount of paperwork, and any anticipated effect on state or local revenues:
Minimal cost to the agency and no cost to other state or local entities.
5. Estimate the cost or economic benefit to all persons directly affected by the proposed action:
Minimal.
6. Provide an analysis of the impact of the proposed rule on small business: *N/A*
 - a. Identify and estimate the number of small businesses subject to the proposed regulation: *N/A*

- b. Provide the projected reporting, recordkeeping, and other administrative costs required for compliance with the proposed regulation, including the type of professional skills necessary for preparation of the report or record: *N/A*
- c. State the probable effect on impacted small businesses: *N/A*
- d. Describe any less intrusive or less costly alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the proposed regulation including the following regulatory flexibility analysis:
 - i. The establishment of less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
 - ii. The establishment of less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
 - iii. The consolidation or simplification of compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
 - iv. The establishment of performance standards for small businesses to replace design or operational standards required in the proposed regulation; and
 - v. The exemption of some or all small businesses from all or any part of the requirements contained in the proposed regulations: *N/A*
7. Compare the costs and benefits of the proposed rule to the probable costs and benefits of not adopting the proposed rule or significantly amending an existing rule:
The costs are minimally more than not adopting the rule and the benefits are moderately more than not adopting the rule.
8. Determine whether less costly methods or less intrusive methods exist for achieving the purpose of the proposed rule where reasonable alternative methods exist which are not precluded by law:
There are none.
9. Describe reasonable alternative methods, where applicable, for achieving the purpose of the proposed action which were considered by the agency:
There are none.
10. State reasons for rejecting alternative methods that were described in #9 above: *N/A*
11. Provide a detailed statement of the data and methodology used in making estimates required by this subsection:
The estimated economic impact for providing eyeglasses, frames, lenses and contact lenses to pregnant beneficiaries is \$10,331 per state fiscal year. The Division of Medicaid calculated the estimated economic impact by totaling all denied eyeglass claims submitted on behalf of pregnant beneficiaries from January of 2014 to January of 2015. The estimated economic impact for the coverage of eyeglasses, frames, lenses and contact lenses for beneficiaries enrolled in the HMW is \$142,757 per state fiscal year. The estimate was calculated by taking the percentage of HMW beneficiaries projected to receive the service and multiplying by the average fee-for-service cost of the previously excluded service.